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SUBJECT: FRG INVITATION TO OECD AMBASSADORS

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1. WHILE FRG INVITATIONS TO OECD AMBASSADORS TO VISIT
BERLIN (REF A) DO NOT PRESENT SAME STATUS AND SECURITY
PROBLEMS AS DID FRG INVITATIONS LAST FALL TO NATO PERMREPS
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(REF B) AND ARE CONSISTENT WITH BERLIN'S ECONOMIC TIES
WITH FRG AND EC, DEPARTMENT FEELS THERE IS MERIT IN FRENCH
POSITION THAT ALLIED SOVEREIGNTY IN BERLIN WOULD PRECLUDE
ACCEPTANCE BY ALLIES OF FRG INVITATIONS TO BERLIN. IN
VIEW, HOWEVER, OF APPARENT PRECEDENT OF PAST ACCEPTANCES
BY US OECD AMBASSADORS (REF C), OBJECTION AT THIS POINT
COULD AROUSE FRG SUSPICIONS OF MORE RESTRICTIVE ALLIED

POLICY ON PERMISSIBLE FRG ACTIVITIES CONCERNING BERLIN.
MOREOVER, APPARENT ABSENCE OF SOVIET RESPONSES TO THOSE
PAST ACCEPTANCES SUGGESTS THAT SOVIETS DO NOT VIEW SUCH
VISITS AS PROVOCATIONS.

2. BEFORE REACHING DEFINITIVE POSITION ON OECD INVITATIONS,
DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING MORE ABOUT HISTORY
OF SUBJECT AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN
ANY RECORD OF PAST ACCEPTANCES BY UK AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS
TO OECD. VANCE

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